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1. There are manganese deposits at Wuchou (111-08, 23-15) and Makiang (111-1, 24-). The Makiang and Wah Chin (sic) districts have been shipping about two thousand tons of manganese ore (48% Mn) to Japan a month. Potential output is many times this amount, but when production was increased, river bandits asked more tea money to let the boats go downstream.
2. River transport for the 160 miles on the Sikiang River between Wuchow and Canton has been cut off completely. Since even empty boats cannot now reach Wuchow, it is believed that Communist guerrillas must have command of the river banks as bandits always let empty boats pass upstream.
3. The Morris Trading Company, Bank of East Asia Building, Hong Kong, sells Chinese manganese to Japan.

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4. There is a tin smelter at Pat Po (sic), Kwangsi Province. Transportation to this smelter has been cut off since about 1 June 1949. An air strip is being leveled so that tin can be flown to Hong Kong by Civil Air Transport.

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